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June Meeting Information

**Tina Reiss
Bravera Insurance
The Retirement Transition**

Thursday, June 12th, 2025

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!

8:30 am MT Networking
8:50 am Chapter Meeting
9:00 am Program Begins

NDSU Extension Service Office
2680 Empire Road, Dickinson (North
of Sanford Clinic)
Enter Door C / South Side

<http://ndsahra.shrm.org>

June Meeting!

Join us at 8:30 am MT for Networking Before the chapter meeting and presentation begin at 9:00 am MT.

We look forward to welcoming Tina Reiss with Bravera Insurance. She will be discussing the Retirement Transition.



**Tina Reiss, Bravera Insurance
Senior Market Specialist**

In this presentation, Tina will provide a high level overview of the typical process she goes through with a client who is transitioning from the workforce healthcare benefits to retirement.

Learn best practices for guiding employees through the shift, guidelines on Medicare Part A & B, Employer vs. Medicare coverage and the best advice an HR professional can give a potential retiree.

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vs. Washington Nationals

4 Tickets
July 26, 2025

behind visitor dugout
(\$400 value)

Variety of Bottles of Wine

To share or not to share...
(\$80 value)

No credit card fees.
Winner present at meeting gets 1st choice at prize selected.
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Southwest Area Human Resource Association

Did You Miss a Meeting?

SAHRA members are able to access recordings of membership meetings by logging into our website and clicking on the Meetings & Events tab. Each month will include a link to YouTube for meetings with permission to record.

<https://ndsahra.shrm.org/>

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President's Message

Welcome Summer!!! For some, the busiest season of the year, especially if you still have kiddos under your roof. Between camps, summer school, sleep overs, trips to Grandma and Grandpa's house, family vacation and everything else, the summer evaporates on us. I know my goal this year is to take more Friday afternoons to enjoy the days with my kids and maybe try to get the husband to take some time for a family vacation.

As the summer will start to wind down, we prepare for a busy fall season, back to school and the upcoming NDSHRM Conference in September. The final schedule will be published soon, and Registration is currently open.

We look forward to welcoming Tina Reiss, Bravera Wealth to our June meeting to present on the Retirement Transition.

We hope to see you all in June and please SAVE the Date for the July Social on July 10th at Fluffy Fields. More information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

*Southwest Area Human Resource Assoc.
June, 2025*

New Statement: Checking Account				\$5,951.63
Current Checks / Deposits	5.19.25		Interest Earned	\$0.05
	4.30.25	Deposit	Member Dues—PayPal Less Fees	\$458.97
	4.30.25	Deposit	Member Dues	\$115.00
Compare to ending bank statement balance				\$6,525.65
Outstanding Checks / Deposits				
New Statement:	CD 15mo @ 4.00%			
Certificate of Deposit	2.5.24	Deposit	Initial funding	\$10,000.00
	2.5.25	Interest Earned		\$408.49
	5.5.25	Interest Earned		\$101.52
BALANCE				\$10,510.01

SAHRA Board Minutes

May 12, 2025

Present (Virtually): Joetta Pearcy, April Frank, Tiffany Benner, Kim Heidt, Krissy Kilwein, Melissa Stoltz, and Marie Bittner

Absent: Alyssa Baranko, DeEll Jordre, Amber Beld and AJ Eslinger **Guests:** None.

President Bittner called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

President Bittner called for a motion to approve the April Treasurer report that was published in the May newsletter. Upon motion by Krissy Kilwein, second by Tiffany Benner, motion passed and was carried.

President Bittner called for a motion to approve the March 3 and April 7, 2025 Board of Director meeting minutes that were published in the April/May newsletters. Upon motion by Joetta Pearcy, second by Kim Heidt, motion passed and was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Program- Joetta Pearcy / Committee (Carissa Suter, Marie Bittner, Nicole Heidecker) – Suggested ideas for programming are always welcome. Future Tentative Programs: 2025 Programming – June – tentative DOL; July – possible head shot opportunity for members – more details to follow; Aug – tentative legal, Sept – no meeting; Oct-Dec TBD

Membership - Kim Heidt - Kim shared information on the Membership Director virtual meeting that she attended. Best practices were shared along with pending membership requirement changes to better serve the chapters.

SHRM Certification – April Frank - NDSHRM is sponsoring a certification scholarship for those interested in SHRM certification testing. The Certification Scholarship application can be found in the SAHRA newsletter or at <https://ndshrm.com/shrm-certification-scholarship/>

Public Relations/Technology – Krissy Kilwein – Krissy reported that membership meeting recordings are now available on the SAHRA website.

NO REPORTS - Diversity- Alyssa

Baranko / SHRM Foundation/Past – President – DeEll Jordre / **Secretary/ Treasurer**- Melissa Stoltz / **Community Relations** – AJ Eslinger / **Workforce Readiness** – Amber Beld / **President Elect / Legislative Affairs** – Tiffany Benner // **President** – Marie Bittner

Old Business:

SHRM is working on a Co-Branding initiative that would further assist state and local chapters in their marketing initiatives. Marie will review and report back to the Board.

New Business:

The 2025 budget was reviewed and discussed. President Bittner called for a motion to approve the final 2025 budget draft submitted to the Board. Upon motion by Krissy Kilwein, second by Joetta Pearcy, motion passed and was carried. The approved final 2025 budget will be published in the June newsletter.

President Bittner discussed SAHRA's certificate of deposit (CD) that has matured. After several options were reviewed, the Board opted to reinvest the money at Bravera. Upon motion by Tiffany Benner, second by Krissy Kilwein, motion passed to reinvest SAHRA's \$10,510.01CD in an 11 month CD with a rate of 4.00% at Bravera Bank.

Congratulations to SAHRA for earning the 2024 Platinum EXCEL award! . This recognition celebrates SAHRA's outstanding achievements in Chapter operations and commitment to delivering exceptional programs and services to its members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Melissa Stoltz, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by: Marie Bittner, President

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SAHRA Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025

Members Present: Alyssa Baranko, Tiffany Benner, Kari Dunn, Coley Hueske, Alissa Karsky, Krissy Kilwein, Chandra Klusmann, Sofia Ortiz, Joetta Pearcy, Madison Pearson, Maria Ricks, and Melissa Stoltz

Members Via Zoom/Virtual: Paige Balliet, Brooke Braunberger, Sierra Burgess, John Cloutier, Michelle Dohrmann, Cindy Fetch, Stacy Hauptmann, Nicole Heidecker, Kim Heidt, Kristy Hintz, Karen Jirges, Nancy Lantz, Katrina Logan, Libby Matthews, Kelsey Morasko, Jen Murray, Shelley Nameniuk, LeDeanna O'Shields, Dannielle Parkin, Carey Praus, Patty Riely, Natalie Torgerson, Janelle Stoneking and Carrie Zubke

Guests present: Rebecca Christenson (All-In Development Team), Becca Vogel – virtual (Vogel Law Office)

President-Elect Benner called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

President –Elect Benner called for a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 Chapter meeting minutes that were published in the May newsletter. Upon motion by Joetta Pearcy, second by Krissy Kilwein, motion passed and was carried.

NEW MEMBERS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President-Elect Benner announced that the April Treasurer report was available for review in the May newsletter. If there are any questions, please contact a Board member.
- Early Registration Available Now! The 2025 ND SHRM Annual Conference will be held September 9-11, 2025 in Bismarck.
- NDSHRM is sponsoring a certification scholarship for those interested in SHRM certification testing. The Certification Scholarship application can be found in the SAHRA newsletter or at <https://ndshrm.com/shrm-certification-scholarship/>
- The NDSHRM Volunteer Award Nomination form is also available at <https://ndshrm.com/north-dakota-shrm-volunteer-leader-award/> The North Dakota SHRM Volunteer Leader Award is given by the ND SHRM State Council and recognizes an individual with an outstanding record of serving as a volunteer leader in the human resources field within the state. Our very own Carrie Zubke was the first individual to receive the award in 2024! Submit your nomination today!
- The NDSHRM Professional Excellence nomination forms will be available soon. Watch for more details to come!
- SHRM is offering a conference discount to any conference attendees willing to volunteer at the upcoming SHRM25 Annual Conference in San Diego on June 29-July 2, 2025. Go to <https://annual.shrm.org/>

for more information.

- Attention SHRM Certified Members! NDSHRM is offering an HR Summer Lunch Break webinar series which is available the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am MT. SHRM Certification credits are available for these webinars. Information will be sent out via an exclusive SAHRA membership email blast, and the link is also available in the SAHRA newsletter. If you can't attend the live presentation, please register prior to the event and you will have access to the recorded version. Thank you NDSHRM for this opportunity!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m. ▪

PROGRAM: Top 5 Training Trends for 2025 – Kari Dunn & Rebecca Christenson – All In Development

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa Stoltz, Secretary/Treasurer;
Tiffany Benner, President-Elect

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SAHRA Member Shoutout!!

DeEll Jordre recognized by the Greater ND Chamber as a Women You Need to Know and Watch in North Dakota business.

<https://www.ndchamber.com/women-to-know-and-watch>



HR SUMMER SCHOOL LUNCH BREAK
2nd Thursday of the Month at 11 am MT
June Meeting Link Available Soon



Interested in attending SHRM25? You may be eligible to receive a discounted rate if you volunteer! Additional information can be found on the SHRM website. Go to this link to complete the SHRM25 Volunteer Interest Form:

<https://sdshrm.wufoo.com/forms/shrm25-volunteer-interest-form/>

San Diego SHRM is pleased to welcome SHRM25 to San Diego! We are now taking preliminary interest for volunteers at SHRM25. More information will follow regarding scheduling and registration. Completing this form does not guarantee a spot as a SHRM25 volunteer. However, if you complete this form please DO NOT register for SHRM25. If you are selected to volunteer, SHRM will register you for the conference. If you are not selected to volunteer, SHRM will honor the registration rate at the time the interest form was completed.

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Legal Article



SCRUTINY OF AI USE IN HIRING CONTINUES TO GROW

By Marissa R. Cerkoney

Artificial intelligence (“AI”) continues to take the world by storm and has been more prevalent in the workplace. Specifically, more employers are utilizing AI in their employment decisions. By involving AI, employers have found that they can streamline the hiring process, specifically when it comes to screening applicants. However, employers should be prepared for potential discrimination actions that may arise from using AI to screen applicants and making employment decisions. The ongoing case of *Mobley v. Workday, Inc.*, has identified significant implications for employers using AI to screen applicants.

Derek Mobley, a Black man over the age of forty, submitted more than one hundred applications to companies using Workday, an AI-based hiring tool, and claims he was rejected every time. Mobley commenced a lawsuit against Workday and alleged that the AI systems incorporate illegal biases, rely on prejudiced training data, and unfairly penalize older candidates.

Workday requested the district court dismiss the lawsuit; however, the court declined and noted that “there is no meaningful distinction between software decision-makers and human decision-makers for purposes of determining coverage as an agent under the anti-discrimination laws.” This decision allows the case to proceed as a class action. Additionally, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filed an amicus brief supporting a class action against Workday, arguing that AI vendors can bear direct liability under federal anti-discrimination laws, like traditional employment agencies.

This case highlights the scrutiny of AI use in applicant screening, and employers using AI can expect increased potential legal challenges to their hiring processes. If the allegations in *Mobley v. Workday, Inc.*, are proven, employers relying on Workday’s AI screening tools could be liable for discriminatory practices, as the court determined that Workday could be considered an “agent” of the employer, sharing responsibility for hiring decisions.

The Takeaway:

Mobley v. Workday, Inc., marks a pivotal point in employers’ use of AI in making employment decisions. While the case is ongoing, *Mobley v. Workday, Inc.* emphasizes the growing scrutiny of AI in employment decisions and potential for legal exposure. With AI becoming more prevalent in the workplace, it is important that employers ensure that their use of AI is in compliance with federal, state, and local laws. Employers are well advised to seek legal counsel when confronted with possible employment discrimination.

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My law firm’s goal is to give understandable information and to foster discussion about real-life issues facing human resource professionals. If we are not achieving that goal or if you would like us to address other employment law issues, please email me at mcerkoney@ndlaw.com. We promise to take your comments and ideas to heart.

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